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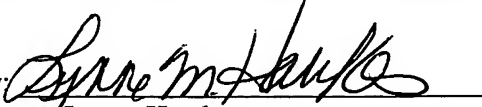
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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U.S.S.N.: 10/686,472 GROUP: 2133  
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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CORRECTING OFFSET

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**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME; 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicant is concurrently filing a Response to Office Action for the subject patent application.

Applicant does not believe an extension of time is required for entry of the within Response into the record for the following reasons.

(i) The Utility Application Transmittal and the Information Disclosure Statement filed along with the patent application clearly indicated and thus associated the subject application with Customer No. 21,874.

(ii) From a recent review of the USPTO PAIR records, it appears that the USPTO has not associated the subject application with the customer number identified in (i) above. See copy of PAIR record printout.

(iii) The Office Action dated April 19, 2006, was mailed to the correspondence address provided in the declaration and power of attorney (*i.e.*, in pertinent part P.O. Box 9169).

(iv). The correspondence address (*i.e.*, in pertinent part P.O. Box 55874) that is associated with the customer number identified in (i) above, however, is different from the correspondence address provided in the declaration and power of attorney.

As Applicant had previously associated the application with the above-identified customer number, the Office Action should have been mailed to the correspondence address associated with the customer number. Further, as Applicant had taken steps to associate the subject application with the customer number, there would have been no need to submit a separate change in correspondence address as the correspondence address associated with the customer number is supposed to govern the mailings done by the USPTO.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that an extension of time is required in the present circumstances because the USPTO did not properly associate the subject application to the customer number and thus, did not mail the Office Action to the correct correspondence address.

As an extension of time would be required due to a mistake of the USPTO, Applicant does not believe that an extension of time is required for entry of the concurrently filed

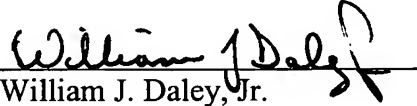
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response, or if an extension of time is required, then such an extension of time should be granted without any fee being paid by Applicant.

Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is nonetheless required and a fee for same is required to be paid by Applicant so the concurrently filed response is considered by the Examiner. If such a petition is required, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for any required fee.

Respectfully submitted,  
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